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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES 31ST SESSION --  
GATT DISC PANEL

REF: GENEVA 8860

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL REQUEST YOU RESPOND TO EC THAT  
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USG CANNOT ACCEPT EC'S PROPOSAL THAT FISCAL EXPERTS SERVE

AS QUOTE ADVOCATES END QUOTE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES.  
WE BELIEVE THAT ROLE OF TAX EXPERT MEMBERS, INDEED OF  
ANY EXPERT MEMBERS, SHOULD BE TO SERVE AS IMPARTIAL  
AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS WHO CAN PROVIDE THEIR EXPERTISE  
TO OTHER PANEL MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATE IN AN OBJECTIVE  
MANNER IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE PANELS. IT SHOULD  
BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES TO ADVOCATE  
THEIR POSITIONS BEFORE THE PANEL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST  
IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON TAX EXPERT MEMBERS AND WE REGRET  
THE FURTHER DELAY THAT IS OCCASIONED BY MR. DUE'S  
WITHDRAWAL FROM CONSIDERATION. WE HAD RECEIVED MR. DUE'S  
ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE ON PANEL PRIOR  
TO PROPOSING HIS NAME IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. UNFORTU-  
NATELY, SINCE THAT TIME, MR. DUE HAS ASSUMED OTHER  
COMMITMENTS WHICH WILL PREVENT HIM FROM SERVING.  
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED  
SINCE WE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT MR. PREST AS DUE'S  
REPLACEMENT AS TAX EXPERT MEMBER AND PREST HAS INDICATED  
WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. EC HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED PREST  
TO U.S. KISSINGER

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